

RECOVERY ACT UPDATE

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DX Groundwater Treatment Facility nearing completion



In the 100 Area of the Hanford
Site, construction of the 100-DX
Groundwater Treatment Facility
is almost finished. Installation of
electrical, mechanical and process
equipment is complete for the process
and two transfer buildings. When the
facility is complete and operational,
expected later this year, the pumpand-treat system and its network
of 55 wells will treat groundwater
contaminated with hexavalent
chromium.

Fuel storage vaults removed from Plutonium Finishing Plant

Thanks to funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) and careful planning, CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company (CH2M HILL) removed 15 reactor fuel storage vaults from the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) without incident and two years ahead of schedule.

In a matter of days, workers safely rigged, hoisted, loaded and shipped the vaults to the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility. The combined weight of the shipments totaled 430,000 lbs. Fourteen of the vaults were 13.5 feet tall and weighed more than 26,000 lbs each. The largest of the vaults was 8 feet tall and weighed



36,000 lbs. The vaults may be used to encapsulate other waste before burial in Hanford's engineered landfill.

Removal of the vaults brings the total number of PFP ancillary structures demolished or removed for reuse with Recovery Act funds to 17. In 2009 and early 2010, CH2M HILL used Recovery Act funding to remove a large nitrogen storage tank and a mobile transuranic waste non-destructive assay facility from the PFP Complex.

Recovery Work **UPDATE**

"Putting People to Work"

Contracts

\$523M Contracts awarded

As of July 2010

Employment

4,547
Lives touched¹

As of March 2010

Awards

56% Contracts awarded to small businesses

As of July 2010

Refers to the total number of people who have ever had a job at least partially funded by the Recovery Act







Hiring representatives support local veterans

CH2M HILL hiring representatives reached out to local veterans at WorkSource in Kennewick, Wash., sharing information about job opportunities at the Hanford Site and helping attendees with resumés and mock interviews. "We participated in this event as an outreach to assist our local veterans in developing better resumé writing and interviewing skills to exhibit their marketability in their career search. Whether it is a position with us or in this community, this effort facilitates bringing valuable information to our veterans," said Bronyn Bardessono from Human Resources. Since Recovery Act funding was awarded in 2009, CH2M HILL has participated in 15 job fairs and received more than 21,700 resumés and applications from people interested in joining the workforce to accelerate cleanup efforts on the Central Plateau.



Survey data analyzed for equipment in the Criticality Mass Laboratory



CH2M HILL is using Recovery Act funding to deactivate and prepare the 209-**E Criticality Mass** Laboratory for demolition. The Laboratory is a nuclear facility in the 200 East Area, Data from the radiological surveys of piping and miscellaneous equipment in the Critical Assembly Room and Mix Room are being analyzed to support characterization

activities and determine additional data needs. Outside of the facility, workers removed the perimeter fencing and are performing ground scans to identify underground utilities prior to the start of excavation activities.

Mixed and low-level waste disposition nearing 1,000 cubic meters



CH2M HILL has shipped 991 cubic meters of mixed and low-level waste for treatment and disposal – more than half of the company's Recovery Act goal to ship 1,800 cubic meters by the end of fiscal year 2011. The most recent shipment went out on July 29, when a box of mix low-level non-debris waste was shipped to Perma-Fix Northwest where it will be non-thermally treated and packaged for disposal.

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